



WAS DULL, BUT FIRM

Very Few Stocks Changed Hands in Wall Street.

READING GAINS TWO POINTS

The General List Made Promotional Advances and all News Was Favorable for Higher Prices.

New York, April 27.—The stock exchanges were closed today. Yesterday's quotations stand as follows:

The sales of listed stocks today were 160,149 shares, and of unlisted stocks 14,100 shares.

Money on call has been easy, ranging from 6 to 3½ percent, last loan at 3½ percent and closing offered at 3½ per cent.

Post rate, 4.60¢ to 4.80¢.

Commercial bills, 4.80¢ to 5.00¢.

Government bonds steady.

New York Produce.

New York, April 27.—Flours—Dull and steady; winter wheat, low grade, \$1.10 to \$1.55 per bushel.

Cotton—Firmer and active; No. 2 red cleated, 70¢; June, 75¢; July, 78¢; August, 75¢; September, 80¢; December, 80¢.

Oats—Firm and moderately active. Spot No. 2, 37¢; No. 2 white, 40¢.

No. 2 Chicago, 38¢; No. 3, 37¢; No 3 white, 38¢; mixed western, 37¢ to 38¢.

Lamb—Duller and quiet; western steam 80¢; mixed, 78¢ to 80¢.

Pork—Firmer and quiet; old meat, \$1.00 to new meat, \$1.20.

Canned Corn—New; old steady and fairly active; state, 90¢ to 12¢; dry, new, 9¢ to 11¢; fancy, 11¢ to 13¢.

Cotton—Options on cotton at the advance of 100 points and closed firm 200 points up. Spot Rio firm and dull; No. 7, 15¢.

Stearin—Dull and firm; fat refining, 37¢ to 42¢; centrifugals, 30 deg. less, 31 to 35¢; refined fairly active and firm; No. 6, 45¢ to 48¢; No. 7, 17¢ to 20¢.

Chicago Grains.

Chicago, April 27.—The Chicago wheat started very bearish in sentiment this morning. The news was nearly all of a bullish character, but the pointer went around to sell well, and for a time it seemed to be good. Then, however, in the market, we due to two things—a sensational report from Kansas City concerning the Kansas wheat crop, and a clever trick of the bull clique. The Kansas City report was that Mohler had placed the estimate on the state of Kansas as low as 200,000 bushels. This was an official estimate, but private estimates of a reliable character indicated a very low crop condition. This was sprung on the trade after the whole crowd, big and little had sold out, and many sold short. These followed buying by Stevens, Orr, Harkness, Chapman & Co., New York, Worthington, Coughlin, Gaylord, and still more important, by Arnoux. The trade had been duped into selling early in the face of bull news, and when the time came, the buying was something surprising. The July price advanced the last hour from 72½ to 75¢, and closed strong at 74½, 30¢ higher than it was last night.

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